



# New Castle Crier

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## Many volunteers help City in variety of ways

The City of New Castle is very fortunate to have many residents serving on a variety of boards, commissions and committees. These volunteers help the City in a wide variety of ways.

Some of these meet on a regular basis, while others meet as needed or during specific times when their services are required. A list of these groups can be found in the 2008 City calendar, above the month of November.

### Thanks to the New Castle community!

In a joint effort and with great community support, Girl Scout Troop 927 and the New Castle Senior Center conducted the "SOUPer Bowl" and collected more than 420 cans of soup for the Food Bank. Also, more than 200 points from the Campbell's soup "Labels for Education" program were donated to the Carrie Downie school.

Congratulations to all involved!

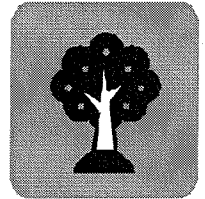
### Planning Commission

The Planning Commission meets monthly, on the fourth Tuesday. This body reviews subdivision plans and zoning code changes and makes recommendations to the City Council on these matters. The Planning Commission is also charged with periodic updating of the City's Comprehensive Plan.

The City Council just approved a contract with a consultant to aid the Planning Commission in the process of updating the 2003 Comprehensive Plan, with the update due for completion in 2008. Of course, an important part of the update will be input from New Castle citizens.

### Tree Commission

The City's Tree Commission is responsible for maintenance and planting of trees on City property. Their meetings are the first Monday of each month.



*Next month's newsletter will continue with brief descriptions of what the various boards, etc. duties entail. It will also contain a form so interested persons may sign up to be considered for future membership within these important groups which help steer activities within New Castle.*

### **Please Note!**

**City Offices will be CLOSED and NO TRASH PICKUP will occur for the Good Friday holiday on Friday, March 21.**

### **Attention seniors and disabled persons** **Make your appointment today for a tax break!**

Residents should contact Finance Director Marian Delaney, at 322-9811, for an appointment to apply for the tax exemption, available to seniors over 65 and persons with disabilities. Appointments can be scheduled at the convenience of the applicant.

New income limits are \$15,000 for a single and \$30,000 for a married couple. The last day to apply is June 16.



**Here's a  
bright idea...**

**Buy energy-saving  
light bulbs (CFL)  
from the MSC  
for only \$2.06**

**Pick up at 216  
Chestnut St.**

## ***New Castle – The First Capital City!***

# Awards recognize volunteers; department members

The New Castle City Police Department held their annual awards ceremony on February 15.

Certificates of appreciation were given to all of the members of the Volunteers In Police Service (VIPS), including a special award issued to Guido "Campy" Camponelli for logging the most hours in 2007.

The 2007 Officer of the Year award was given to Senior Corporal Richard P. McCabe for his outstanding record of police service over the past year.

The following awards were also presented:

- Tactical Shooter awarded to Patrolman First Class Louis Torres for the most number of accurate hits during a high stress tactical shooting course;
- Exceptional Duty Officer awarded to Patrolman Thomas Fuller and Senior Corporal Richard McCabe for taking the time and effort to solve more than one dozen mischief complaints where four juveniles shot out car windows with BB guns;
- Exceptional Duty awarded to Detectives Edward Dempsey and William Texter for assisting West Virginia authorities in a sexual abuse case involving multiple juvenile victims, where the suspect was ultimately indicted for sexual abuse.

Letters of Appreciation went to the following department members:

- Officers Zachary Bascelli and Thomas Fuller for solving a burglary and retrieving most of the electronic property which was stolen;
- Detectives Dempsey and Texter, Master Sergeant Bernard Torre, Officer Brendan O'Hanlon and

Master Corporal Thomas Donlon for their pivotal role in solving part of the City's graffiti problem.

Six officers received letters for perfect attendance for 2007: Torres, Torre, Haug, Donlon, Rogers and Dempsey. Awards for excelling in the areas of traffic arrests, criminal arrests and DUI arrests were also issued:

- Master Corporal Haug received the sixth year traffic arrest award and the fifth year DUI award;
- Detective Dempsey received the fourth year DUI award;
- Officer Fuller and Senior Corporal McCabe received the first year criminal arrest award;
- Master Sergeant Torre received the fourth year criminal arrest award.

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## Historical Society seeks members

The New Castle Historical Society is undertaking its Annual Membership Campaign and ***we need you!*** Support your community and its historical heritage by joining at the \$30 Individual, \$50 Household, \$100 Patron or \$250 1651 Benefactor Membership level. For additional information or to join, please call 322-2794. The New Castle Historical Society accepts Visa, MasterCard and American Express.

***Don't forget TGIF!***

**Friday, March 28, 5 to 8 p.m.**

## Code Enforcement Corner

The City of New Castle Board of Health strives to keep properties in conformance with adopted rules and codes.

To report any problems or file a complaint, please call Code Enforcement Officer John Lloyd at 302-323-6081. Complaint forms are also available on the City Web site at [www.NewCastleCity.org](http://www.NewCastleCity.org).

### ***This month's highlights; general reminders...***

- Inoperative/junked and/or unregistered vehicles cannot be stored outside;
- Bulk items (stoves, refrigerators, TV's, furniture, tires, etc.) require special pickup for disposal – arrangements can be made prior to placing the items at the curb by calling 322-9813;
- Please remove recycle and trash containers from the curb and place them behind the residence by the end of the pickup day;
- House numbers are required by Code on the front of each house in a conspicuous area and the numbers must contrast with the background;
- Residents are responsible for sidewalks in front of their property — ensure that sidewalks are clear of snow and/or ice within 24 hours of the storm ceasing or the ice forming.

TGIF New Castle is our seasonal Friday night celebration! Enjoy an early spring evening in the historic district of New Castle as shops, museums and restaurants stay open late. Free or reduced admission to most museums, dining specials at restaurants, great shopping opportunities at local boutiques. Good fun, good friends and good times guaranteed!

**The next  
regular  
City Council  
meeting is 7 p.m.,  
Tues., Mar. 11 at  
Town Hall**